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## Xavier basketball listed as 20<sup>th</sup> most valuable program in *Forbes*



GRAPHICS BY DARREN LACOUR

PAUL MOELLER  
Associate Sports Editor

Contrary to what one might believe, Blue Book sales in the Gallagher bookstore are not Xavier University's largest money-maker.

Rather, the responsible party is comprised of a unique group of 14 student-athletes, a handful of coaches, an operations staff, and a group of managers.

The Xavier men's basketball team has been recognized by *Forbes* as the 20th most valuable squad in all of college basketball.

Currently ranked ninth in the

Associated Press Top 25 and 11th in the ESPN/*USA Today* Coaches' Poll, Xavier's men's team is worth \$10.7 million and generates a profit of \$6.3 million annually. Xavier rounded out *Forbes*' list of the top 20 most valuable college basketball programs as the only representative of the Atlantic 10 Conference.

A large reason for Xavier's placement on this list is due to their seat licensing program, which brings in almost \$4 million a year.

The University of North Carolina tops *Forbes*' list as the most

valuable team in the nation, worth \$26 million.

The Tar Heels bring in an astounding \$16.9 million in profit due in part to their merchandising agreement with Nike, who contributed \$800,000 to the school for academic purposes.

The Musketeers sit within a particularly affluent region of the country in terms of college basketball programs.

Five of the top ten most valuable teams in are within driving distance for die-hard fans. The University of Kentucky ranks second, worth \$24.9 million, while the University of Louisville sits in third and is worth \$24.4 million.

Two Big Ten programs occupy positions six and seven, as Indiana University and the University of Illinois both have teams that are worth \$19.4 million.

Indiana holds the edge due to their \$13.5 million profit over Illinois' \$12.2 million. Finally, the Ohio State University caps the top ten, worth \$15.3 million.

It is not particularly surprising that OSU is the only school in the nation to have both their basketball and football teams ranked by *Forbes* as one of the top ten most valuable.

Xavier has the smallest student enrollment of any of the schools named in *Forbes*' compilation.

Xavier students are not required to pay additional money for basketball tickets, contrary to many of the larger, state-funded school programs on the list.

Xavier's student ticket policy is far from perfect, but that's another article all together.

## 'SOL' sets on OMA, university



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BRESEE

Nicole Mosby studies in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

MATT FINGER  
Managing Editor

The Xavier Student Organization of Latinos (SOL) announced Monday that it will no longer be promoting Xavier University as a diverse institution.

According to a letter circulated by the SOL Executive Board, the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) has not met the needs and concerns of the organization.

"SOL has undergone years of trials, seeking the help of adequate university officials and administrators," the letter states. "Each time SOL has sought help, our concerns have been brushed aside with minimal attention."

In response to being "brushed aside," SOL will no longer "host designated Hispanic/Latino students through any over-night program through the Office of Admissions." The organization has also asked that SOL be removed from university websites, particularly the webpage for the OMA, and that any signs in the Gallagher Student Center that affiliate SOL with the OMA be removed. These requests come as part of SOL's new initiative, called "Opening Many Avenues," to bring awareness to multicultural needs on campus.

SOL's letter states that, "we seek these goals, not because we wish to remove or separate ourselves from the university, but because we want the university to clearly understand the treatment it has given our club, which we feel is below par. SOL would like to send a message to the university that we cannot be used simply to fulfill departmental 'quotas.'"

SOL is hoping that its "Open-

ing Many Avenues" campaign will bring changes to the OMA. "The object of our campaign," said SOL President Jorge Rostro, is "to ensure that diversity is reached on various cultural levels, especially in the Office of Multicultural Affairs."

"By leaving we wanted to pose the question: Is the Office of Multicultural Affairs, multicultural?" Rostro continued.

The change most sought after is a fulfillment of the OMA's mission statement, which claims that the OMA strives for a welcoming environment for all cultures, collaboration with other departments and student organizations offering a wide variety of events representing a diverse range of cultures, and advice for student organizations from various cultures.

SOL also claims that the OMA has been a less than welcoming environment. The members of the SOL Executive Board, however, are not the only students on campus that have issues with the OMA. Senior Jason Go, a student of Chinese-Filipino heritage and former president of FACES (the Filipino-American Cultural Enlightenment Society) concurs.

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## Organizations host WorldQuest



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Friday, Feb. 22 marked the 7th annual WorldQuest, sponsored by the Office of International Student Services and the International Students' Society.

WorldQuest, an international trivia competition which works to increase international understanding, raise funds for study abroad and international grants, and create a community aimed at bringing together diverse groups of people.

The event was held in the Schiff Family Conference Center, where 34 different tables of eight representing different departments and clubs on campus competed on questions relating to geography, current affairs, pop culture, politics, people, world traditions, arts, flags, etc.



# Actor activism comes to Xavier

On Thursday, Feb. 21 Kal Penn and Nick Cannon visited Xavier University to speak on behalf of presidential hopeful Barack Obama. The Xavier Newswire's A&E Editor Emily Hoferer was able to score two short interviews with the celebs to discuss politics.

**Xavier Newswire:** So why Obama?  
**Kal Penn:** (laughs) That's broad. Well, that question presumes that I was trying to decide on somebody to support and chose him. But my story is a little bit different than that.

A couple of years ago a friend of mine was making minimum wage trying to save money for college. He got a phone call from a company saying they'd pay him \$90 grand to drive a truck for a year in Iraq for the private sector. In that moment a lot of my friends realized that something needed to change. If a kid in the world's richest country could only get two options to go to college: minimum wage or \$90,000 in a war zone, then there's something wrong.

I've realized in the last 20 years we've had two families in the White House and nothing changed. That experience made me feel like there's something wrong and focusing on the negative and voting for the lesser of two evils every four



Newswire Photo by Erika Brees

Kal Penn, star of "Harold and Kumar go to White Castle" and "The Namesake," spoke at a rally at Xavier on behalf of presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama.

years in November is just not good enough. Someone like Sen. Obama, who isn't just inspiring, though obviously he is, has the track record to back it up.

**XN:** Have you done this before?

**KP:** No, not for anybody else. I signed up to be a surrogate in October and in November I started going out and doing these benefits

on behalf of the Senator.

**XN:** People always say that young people are so apathetic in college. What is your response to that?

**KP:** The great thing about that is that it's just not true. If you look at the state of Iowa, in 2004 the average age of voters in Iowa was 65. Young folks just didn't vote. They compromised something like

4 percent of the overall electorate. Now that number has increased 150 percent. People can no longer say that we don't vote because we're coming out in huge numbers. You see this huge student momentum that's grown into a national momentum for Sen. Obama and you realize exactly where the root of it is.

We've been told for so long that we can't do something. We've been told we can't help our parents as

they get older, we can't save the environment, we can't give our friends access to education, but what's been inspiring to me is to see every single voice in a place like this rises up, together, and actually say "yes we can." It's not a talking point or a campaign slogan; it really is a movement.

**XN:** Is this the first time that you've been inspired by politics or inspired to become involved in politics?

**Nick Cannon:** My first time being inspired by the political ideas was in school. Political science was always an interest of mine, but when I did a film a few years ago called "Bobby" and got a chance to kind of do some research in the world of 1968 and the Kennedys, and I saw that it was truly a time when people our age were getting involved and changing things and wanting to be a part of change.

I felt like it was time for us to do the same thing. The baton has been passed. That put the fire up under me to stand for something. When you can find an empowering candidate like Obama who, to me, is on the same level as the Kennedys or Dr. King where, it's someone you can really rally behind and say wow, I believe what this man is saying and I can ride with him.

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## WE PUT THE "BURRITO" IN GOURMET.



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Newswire Photo by Erika Breesse  
Nick Cannon, star of MTV’s “Wild ‘N Out” and “Drumline,” spoke to Arts and Entertainment Editor Emily Hoferer about how he finds Sen. Barack Obama inspiring and encouraging.

**...Interview | cont.**  
*XN:* Have you been to college campuses before? Is this a tour for you guys?  
*NC:* Yeah, we went to South Carolina, did a couple of things in California. We’re on a tour of inspiration.  
  
*XN:* How does Barack Obama speak to you personally as a person who can vote?  
*NC:* I feel his honesty and integrity, and I feel he is a very straightforward man and believes what he says. He clearly has passion for the people. His idealism, his optimism is something that has been vacant in our system for so long and he brings a new, refreshing idea

*XN:* If you could say anything to encourage people to vote, what would you say?  
*NC:* Vote! It’s just as simple as that. Exercise your right. A lot of times we can get caught up in voting on American Idol or TRL. We can do those things all day but when actually it comes down to the issues we say that they aren’t talking to me, that’s for my parents. But truly we are the ones that make those decisions and we are the ones that it affects the most because we have to live with those things. So I always encourage people to exercise their right. People gave their blood, sweat and tears for us to have these rights. We gotta do it.

## College Republicans Rally behind McCain

Although Democrats must wait for the results of upcoming primaries to learn who their official candidate will be, Republicans have ample time to acquaint themselves with John McCain’s platform. As Democrats debate the politics and platforms of the Clinton and Obama campaigns and rally around their choice, Steve Newsome, Co-Chair of XU College Republicans, acknowledges that for Republicans “there’s not a lot going on right now, since we know who the candidate will be.” Members of XU College Republicans participated in a McCain rally at an Over-the-Rhine polling place

Tuesday with approximately 1,000 other supporters. College Republicans will also support their party by staffing phone banks on behalf of McCain.  
Newsome stated the club is beginning to discuss and plan several events for next August when the election campaign truly gets underway. In the meantime, College Republicans are also working for local candidates such as Jean Schmit, Congresswoman for District 2, and Steve Chabot, Congressman for District 1, by campaigning door to door as well as making phone calls to registered voters to garner support.



Sen. John McCain

Photo by Katie Rosenbaum

### ...SOL | cont.

Affairs has not been entirely welcoming to me as a student of diverse background. For instance, where are the programs designed for Asian Americans of the university?” Go said. “It seems to me that the only diversity that is seen at Xavier is through groups such as BSA that are ‘multicultural,’ but are exclusive to a certain groups instead of being inclusive to different cultures.”  
“The fact that the office is almost entirely composed of members of the Black Student Association and so-called “Greek bodies” continually confuses even a diverse student as myself,” Go continued.  
“The Executive Board understands that this problem is not limited to SOL alone,” said Rostro. “Our current campaign is seeking to gather all those who feel this way about Xavier’s diversity and unite them to make an even stronger case and hope for change.”  
Dr. Kathleen Simons, Associate Provost for Student Life, sees SOL’s concerns as an opportunity. “If the Office of Multicultural Affairs, or any office or department for that matter, can do a better job of serving students, then it should strive for that goal,” Simons said. “We must continually evaluate/assess the work that we do in meeting student needs—that is what a student-centered institution should do.”

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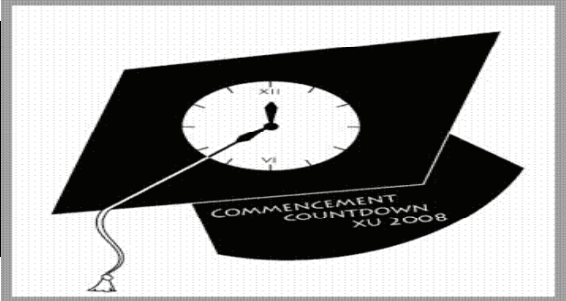
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## Commencement Countdown 2008

The day you have all have been waiting for is almost here! Begin your preparations! There will be a chance to get your cap and gown, receive lots of cool free stuff, and much more!!!

Wednesday, February 27th  
and  
Thursday, February 28th  
11:00 am to 7 :00 pm  
Gallagher Student Center

Questions? Comments?  
Contact ext. 3469



PRIZES



# POLICE NOTES

**Feb. 21, 2:45 a.m.-** A student who caused damage to a Xavier-owned vacant property was apprehended and will face disciplinary action.

**Feb. 23, 1:20 a.m.-** Campus Police assisted Cincinnati Police in apprehending a driver on Dana Avenue wanted for a hit and run on Reading Road.

**Feb. 23, 2:40 a.m.-** A student observed urinating near the entrance to an apartment in the Village was cited for disorderly behavior.

**Feb. 24, 1:50 a.m.-** A student walking through the O'Connor Sports Center lot with an open container was cited for underage consumption.

**Feb. 24, 2:03 a.m.-** Campus Police and Residence Life investigated a report of the smell of marijuana coming from a room on the fourth floor of Kuhlman Hall. A room search was conducted and several items of contraband and a small amount of marijuana were confiscated.

**Feb. 24, 4:47 a.m.-** Campus Police investigated a report of two students fighting in a residence hall.

**Feb. 25, 12:48 a.m.-** A non-student sitting in a car with a broken window in the C-1 lot was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

## POLICE NOTE of the WEEK

**Feb. 19, 8:25 a.m.-** An employee reported that a garbage can was damaged by a small fire in the garbage room of Brockman Hall.

# BRIEFS

## Irish Music

Ireland in Word and Music II will be performing at 2 p.m. on Sun., March 2 in the Long Recital Room of Edgecliff Hall. The program will include readings from Irish literature plus Celtic music. Attendees are asked to make a contribution for the work of Fr. Joe Mulligan, S.J., in Nicaragua. Contact Joe Wessling at wessling@xavier.edu.

## Running for SGA?

Anyone who is interested in running for the 2008-2009 Student Government Association Senate must attend one of the informational meetings being held Wed., Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. or Thurs., Feb. 28 at 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in GSC 210. Contact Katy Baldwin, Board of Elections chair, at baldwink@xu.edu for more information.

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## JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS WELCOMES

# Will Lavender

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At Indiana's Winchester University, three students are taking Logic and Reasoning 204, taught by enigmatic Professor Williams. They quickly learn this is a course like no other. Their first assignment? Find a hypothetically missing girl named Polly in six weeks time or else, Williams asserts, she will be murdered. Is this merely an academic exercise? As Williams produces clues, including photographs of Polly and her associates, the students begin to wonder where homework ends and an actual homicide begins.

With superb confidence, Louisville based writer Lavender constructs a brilliant fictional web of lies, inventively warping the psychological thriller to fit the confines of a scholarly investigation, a thriller that will strike some as a mix of *The Magus* by John Fowles and Stephen King's *The Shining*.

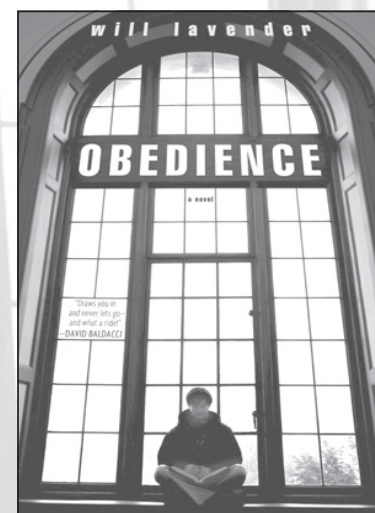
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### the office: a Xavier viewing party

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- ✓+ a few of your favorite episodes
- ✓+ favorite character impersonation contest
- ✓+ career advice



**Sunday, March 2nd**  
**airing 6/5c in the GSC Atrium**  
**sponsored by SAC & Career Services**

### Interested in running for SGA Senate?

Informational meetings in GSC 210:

2/27 @ 3 or 8pm  
2/28 @ 11am or 5pm



### Nonviolence in a Time of War

Speaker Colman McCarthy will present on topics concerning politics, religion, education, poverty, and peacemaking  
Tuesday, March 4th @ 7:30 in the Cintas Banquet Room  
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### Election Code Discussion

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- STAFF EDITORIALS -

# SOL changing their luck

You know, there’s a lot of whining that goes on at this campus. Some might say we’re avid contributors to this movement, though we try to offer some positive suggestions instead of pure complaint.

Unfortunately, though, most of this whining simply stays as such: just whining. People don’t act to change the things they are upset about or slighted by. And so the problems continue, stacking up, one by one, and nothing ever gets better.

The Student Organization of Latinos (SOL), however, has grown tired of sitting around and complaining. They’ve officially severed ties with the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) and with the university’s “diversity” promotions because they don’t feel that the OMA has adequately met their needs. Something tells us that their actions have a lot of potential to effect change.

Now, we understand that the OMA has limited resources, and that the majority of those resources are probably used to serve the largest group of students the office represents, which is African-American students. But if Xavier wants to continue to tout diversity as one of its selling points, then perhaps the institution should look to getting more resources for the OMA.

We don’t think resources should be presented in the form of committees discussing what should be done or extra core classes or new administrators, either. The university needs to go to students groups like SOL, who feel that they are not well-represented, and ask them what the university can do to meet their needs.

SOL’s actions will force the university to do just that.

The way the organization presented their case was fair and classy, and it strikes at areas the university will need to address quickly.

The members of SOL turned their complaint into action, and as a result, change *will* happen. Perhaps the rest of the Xavier community can look to SOL as a model for how to shape Xavier into the place we students want it to be.

All it takes is some *cajones*.

# Misleading marketing

There are few things that the student body of Xavier University seems to almost universally agree on:

- 94 cent Pabst Blue Ribbon in Ryan’s is great.
- The commercial Xavier runs on TV during basketball games sucks.
- And...that’s about it.

So let’s address the second point. Why does Xavier insist on running a television commercial that depicts a campus that does not in fact exist (yet)?

Don’t get us wrong, we love artist renderings of what the campus may or may not look like five to 1,743 years from now. But is this really an appropriate way to depict Xavier University?

What kind of message does that send to the students who currently attend Xavier? The college that we go to currently isn’t good enough to advertise? We have to advertise the college of the future because the college of the present isn’t so telegenic?

We like Xavier University of the present a lot actually. If the buildings aren’t good enough for television, can’t we advertise the students of Xavier, many of whom seem to rather enjoy this place?

Anytime the current commercial comes on, we like to play the “real or fake” game, where we determine which parts of the commercial depict things that exist, and which parts depict fictitious ones. The fictitious ones tend to win every time.

Also, the music in the commercial simply has to go. The techno-ish song that serves as the soundtrack for the advertisement is tacky, dated and incongruent with a commercial that portrays an academic institution.

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— LETTERS TO THE EDITOR —

## SUPPORT THE SENIORS

I’ve been a member of the X-treme fans since my freshman year. Although some of my greatest memories of Xavier have been in the student section, I have to admit, this year has kind of been a let down.

Now please don’t get me wrong. I love our student section, I love our fans and I love our team. But this year, it just seems like the student section has been a little apathetic compared to previous years. Perhaps we have been spoiled by our team’s success. I remember my freshman year when our team had a losing record for a large part of the season. But I also remember some of the best fan support that year. Until this year, we had only been ranked a handful of times. And now

that we are ranked higher than we have ever been, I wonder if people have a true appreciation for how special this really is.

Xavier basketball has given me a ton of enjoyment and thrills over my four years and I have enjoyed having the opportunity to give back by laying it all out on the line for my team every game. As I enjoy my last two games as a student at Cin-tas, I want to go out with a student section that is giving it their all to make it special for the seniors. So do your part and come early to the next two games, wear blue shirts, and get crazy and loud. Help make our seniors’ last games something they can never forget!

Benjamin Rife | ‘08

## POOR PROCEDURES

“Not to be critical, but” – Don’t you hate it when someone starts out a thought like this? ‘Cause you know the next thing out of their mouth is going to be critical. Well, that’s exactly how I’m starting out. Not to be critical, but the system in place for picking up men’s basketball tickets is horrible! Even if you sit outside—well, lately inside—for hours you will still get crappy seats because everyone cuts. Up until an hour before ticket pick-up everything looks good, but then wham! People start getting in line with their friends or friend of a friend and push everyone else behind them back about four rows. This sucks, right? Especially since my butt has been out there since about 7 a.m. that morning.

So being the solution-oriented person that I am, I decided to send a very politically correct email to the X-treme Fans Board telling them the problem with ticket pick-up and the solutions that I proposed thinking it would be lame for me just to complain without offering any practical solutions. Granted, I did

get responses from two unnamed board members, but the basic gist of the responses were “we know it sucks, but we don’t want to be the ‘bad guys’ so deal with it for the last few games.” What did I expect from people who don’t have to deal with the cheating and cutting in line and automatically get front row seats for every game?

Which, if you think about, it is sort of sad and pathetic.

By not doing anything, the X-treme Fans Board is feeding into a lot of college stereotypes: we’re apathetic, powerless and only care about our own personal comfort. So here it is X-treme Fans Board members, I’m calling you out for all to see. I’m calling you out knowing that I’m not alone in my feelings. I tried to handle things diplomatically, but where did that get me? To the back of the line! Be thankful that you’re not elected and instead get picked on a “who you know” and not “what you know” basis.

Sarah Morris | ‘10

## MAKE LOVE, NOT NOOKIE

Virgin births and artificial insemination aside, abstinence is 100 percent effective against pregnancy and disease when practiced. Of course abstinence fails when it’s not practiced, but what kind of argument is that? Abstinence from sexual activity is guaranteed to prevent sexually transmitted diseases (hmm I wonder why?). According to a study published in 2000, when a condom is used correctly there is a two percent failure rate of preventing pregnancy, but when used incorrectly there is a 10-18 percent chance of failure. A similar study in 2001 revealed that condoms only reduce the risk of transmitting HIV/AIDS to 15 percent. The only truly perfect score goes to abstinence.

If I know that I have a 100 percent chance of something working, I think I will stick with that. Why stray from a sure thing?

I have heard that “sex is the fullest expression of love.” As right and logical as that definition sounds, I have never once had a desire to have sex with either of my parents although I love them dearly. Many people love babies, but I am pretty sure there are laws against having sex with them. Obviously, sex cannot be the only way to express love and passion for another human being since people do not have sex with everyone they love. I have pasted on my wall in my room “101 Ways to Make Love without Doin’ It,” a brochure containing answers from Iowa high school students to the question: “If you and your girlfriend or boyfriend had decided to postpone sexual intercourse, how would you let the other person know you loved her or him?” Some answers are more creative than others, but they are all effective ways to express love for another person without having sex.

Thaddeus Winker | ‘10



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Our staff applications for the 2008-2009 academic year are out now, and the Op-Ed page is looking for columnists. Now, to be a columnist, you have to be a bit more than just an arrogant (you think people should value your opinions? Pretty pompous...) punk with a lot to whine about (Notice how Pat Stevenson no longer writes columns?). You need need to be willing to tackle real-life issues and to offer solutions. And you need to write well (being funny isn't a requirement, but, let's face it, it helps). So pick up your applications at the Publications House, throw together a writing sample and join the elite ranks of...  
**the Xavier Newswire Op-Ed page.**

# iRead, and so should you

I received my favorite gift this year from my brother. I tore off the wrapping to find a grocery bag filled with old, tattered books. I looked up at Teddy confusedly, and he explained that he had hand-picked 25 books from the list of top American novels since 1900, and ordered them from various places just for me. To each he attached a brief plot synopsis. They lay in a large stack—two actually—next to my bed. I am slowly, yet steadily and excitedly, conquering this pile



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Books. Remember in grade school when the teacher would ask what books everyone was reading? Remember summer reading lists and Great Books and Word-a-Days? Remember the contest at the library when you'd stick those colored stars on the graph whenever you finished a book, and when earning a bookmark was the

best prize *ever*? Remember bedtime stories and ghost stories and story time being the third best time of the school day next to recess and lunch? I do. Gee...iWish we could go back to those times...

Steve Jobs is the mastermind co-founder, chairman and CEO of Apple, Inc., and was ranked as *Fortune Magazine's* 2007 businessman of the year. When asked about Amazon.com's electronic book reader "Kindle," he states, "It doesn't matter how good or bad the product is; the fact is that people don't read anymore." This seems like a valid statement made by a successful businessman. It is likely that a majority of the Xavier student population spends hours a day using this man's creations. The statement can be made that technology has taken over our present lives, as *Time* magazine has labeled us

"Generation M" in the name of multi-tasking. But does this mean that the reading trend must suffer? Not necessarily.

Apparently one-fourth of Americans read no books last year. To take a few statistics from *New York Times* blogger Tim Eagan, 2.7 million iPhones were sold in 2007. But guess what? Nine million copies of *Harry Potter* were sold in the first 24 hours it was on the shelf—in English—and 27 percent of Americans read over 15 books per year.

It's clear we readers are still out there, despite the iRevolution. If you used to be one of us and remember the good old days of gracefully falling asleep upon completion of that next captivating chapter, as opposed to waking up mid-REM cycle to the third rerun of "Road Rules" that you fell asleep to late last night, then retire with me and my fellow nerds to the nerdery once again with our books and give reading another try. And really, iHope you don't drop and break your iPhone/camera/Internet/Pod...

# SO IT GOES *by Matt Kroeger*



# Rehauling Ryan's



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BRESEE

Xavier students like Henry Link, Tom Scanlan and Mike DeLaney would enjoy their meal a lot more if Ryan's would listen to Matt Finger.

First thing's first: It's Ryan's Pub, not Ryan's Xavier's Sports Café. I don't know who made that unilateral decision, but whoever it was should probably be fired. Also, just like Toni's Little Italy does not have the best pizza anywhere, ever, Ryan's does not have the best pub food anywhere.

That being said, I love Ryan's. More than you can ever know, mediocre food and all (mmm buffalo wrap). The concept is genius: a (nearly) full bar on a college campus. That is awesome. It ranks up there with Velcro, remote controls and written language. Food, beer, friends—all in one place: It practically sells itself. The job is done Ryan's, just sit back and rake in the money, right?

Wrong. For some reason, Ryan's loses money hand-over-fist. There are several reasons for this. But I'd like to focus on poor management. That's right Sodexho, someone noticed that you are awful at your job.

Let's start with operating hours. The Pub is open until 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and is only open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays. Now, I realize that Xavier isn't a party school, blah blah blah. But why would you close a bar that sells a Blue Ribbon beer for 94 cents at midnight on a weekend? I can't vouch for the classics majors and the Dorothy Day kids, but I know that I am not studying Plutarch and social justice at 12:02 on a Saturday. And even if I were, I would probably want a beer. Sunday's hours are just miserable, and need no further explanation.

Moving on to entertainment: If I hear that stupid apple bottom jeans song one more time I am going to do something. I don't know what

yet, but I'm sure no one will like it. All Ryan's needs to do is bring in more musicians, and maybe change the stock CD that plays on repeat all day. The past two years the Xavier Irish Society has brought Irish musicians to play live, and the Pub has been packed every time. One year they ran out of beer (poor management).

Come on managers, use your noodle. More people equals more money. And more fun! Bring in some local or even student musicians who just want some exposure or the chance to play. Their friends will come and their friends' friends will come. You've probably already quadrupled your business. And with the crazy prices you charge for cheese fries you might break even on the day. Maybe.

Hire more servers. Poor Cherene, Mary Kate, Maggie, Danielle, Aaron and Monica (yes, I know all of the servers, and how wonderful they are) can't do it all when just one of them is there, no matter how perfect they are. You need to hire, or at least schedule more servers when it's busy, e.g. game night, weekends, when your newly solicited musicians are playing. It's hard to make money when there is one server to every 10 tables. Beer sales slow down, and that's your bread and butter, baby. Especially when Guinness and Smithwick's drafts are only \$3.50.

There are probably a bazillion more reasons why Ryan's could be the greatest place ever in the history of places. But it really boils down to hours, entertainment and service (and of course, our poor management motif). Oh yeah, bring back drink specials. Not having them is silly.



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Swim teams strong at A-10s

The Xavier men’s and women’s swim teams turned in strong performances at the Atlantic 10 championships this weekend in Buffalo, N.Y., finishing third and second respectively.

the second place showing was the highest that the women have ever placed.

The team was led by freshman Kari Peglar, who took home the Women’s Most Outstanding Rookie Award after winning the 1650 yard freestyle.

She teaming up with sophomore Elaina Suba, freshman Bethanie Griffin and sophomore Allison Johnson to finish third in the 400 yard freestyle relay.

Suba and Griffin also placed fifth and sixth in the 100 yard freestyle event.

Junior Patrick McGrath led the men’s squad with a school record time of 15:45.49 in the 1650 yard freestyle event.

Also for the men’s side senior Matt Krouse, freshman Terence Mahon, junior Jake Burke and freshman Nathan Green teamed up to earn Xavier a third place finish in the 400 yard freestyle event.

Baseball team off to rocky start



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Senior Robbie Kelley.

The Xavier baseball team started off the season with a 1-2 record in a weekend road trip to Mobile, Ala.

The weekend started with a 10-1 loss at the hands of Kentucky.

The lone run came on a single by sophomore Zac Richard to score Adam Pasono in the sixth inning.

Later that day they played the second half of the double header against Fairfield University, recording a 12-7 win.

Junior Steve Brown, senior Robbie Kelley, Richard and sophomore Bobby Freking each recorded two RBIs to lead the Musketeers.

Senior Mike Creevey picked up the win for Xavier after 4.1 innings of work out of the bullpen.

The following day the Muskies returned to action to face the host of the weekend’s games, South Alabama.

The Jags rode a four run fourth inning to a 6-5 win.

Richard was 2-5 with a home run and three RBIs in the loss.

Defense key to Musketeer success  
Xavier rides strong defense to 10 game winning streak and top of A-10

DOUG TIFFT  
Sports Editor

The Xavier men’s basketball team is currently ranked ninth in the country by the Associated Press, the first time that Xavier has been in the top 10 after January in school history.

The key to this success is the team’s commitment to defense.

Xavier leads the Atlantic 10 conference in field goal percentage defense, with opponents shooting 40.1 percent, and is second in scoring defense at 62.7 points allowed per game.

That effort is headed by senior guard Stanley Burrell, who is garnering some attention as a possible candidate for the Henry Iba Award as the National Defensive Player of the Year (ESPN analyst Jay Bilas included Burrell as one of his nominees for the award).

Burrell has been using his defense to guide his team this season, as opposed to the high offensive output that he had contributed in years past.

But in Thursday’s matchup with Duquesne Burrell was asked to contribute more on the offensive side of the ball in the absence of point guard Drew Lavender, who was only able to play 14 minutes due to an ankle injury.

Burrell not only answered the call, but turned in possibly the best game of his career, recording a career high 12 assists.

He did not relax on the other end of the floor either, holding Duquesne’s second leading scorer Kojo Mensah to two points on 0-9 shooting.

“Getting 12 assists is something

out of the ordinary, but playing defense is something that we do every night. That is our identity,” Burrell said.

The point guard spot took on a bigger role against the Duquesne defense, which employs a full court trapping style that is difficult for guards to handle and often causes a large number of turnovers.

Burrell walked off the court with the 12 assists and only two turnovers as he showed that Xavier can handle a pressure defense, even without All-Conference point guard Lavender.

In Sunday’s matchup at Dayton Burrell was able to return to his familiar role as the off-guard on offense as Lavender played 33 minutes, although without his usual quickness and speed.

Lavender scored nine points and handing out only one assist on Sunday.

Burrell shined once again as he and fellow senior Josh Duncan shared the Blackburn/McCafferty Trophy as the game’s co-MVPs.

Burrell tallied eight points and five assists in the contest, along with holding Atlantic-10 player of the year candidate Brian Roberts to a 4-14 night from the field.

Duncan came off the bench to continue his increased offensive production in conference play with 14 points and four rebounds.

The game served to show some of the vast improvements that the Xavier frontcourt has made this season on the offensive end.

Duncan entered the season with a reputation for being a big man with a tendency to drift to the perimeter. However he had four points



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BRESEE

Senior point gaurd Drew Lavender has been hindered by an ankle injury the last few games, forcing other players to step up.

in the paint early and got to the free throw line eight times, showing his determination to play in the post.

Forward Derrick Brown was known for his highlight reel dunks, but was considered to lack an outside touch. Brown scored seven points in the contest, all of which came off jump shots.

Center Jason Love was once thought to be an offensive liability, especially at the free throw line. Love had eight points on the night, and buried both of his free throws to put him at a respectable 65 percent from the line this season.

Thanks in part to the contributions of the frontcourt Xavier was able to secure at least a share of

the Atlantic 10 regular season title with a school record 24th regular season victory.

It was the 10th win in a row for the Musketeers, and 16th win in the last 17 games.

The recent run of success has caused some people to start comparing this Xavier team to some of the great squads of the past.

“Our players have not been afraid to try and be regarded as one of the best Xavier teams,” head coach Sean Miller said.

With the way that this year’s Musketeers have committed to defense there is no reason that they cannot distinguish themselves as the standard for future Xavier teams

Where are they now: Romain Sato

TYLER GROTE  
Staff Writer

Xavier has seen its fair share of elite athletes come and go.

Each senior leaves behind his own legacy when he finally receives his diploma and hangs up the Musketeer jersey for the final time.

But where some names fade with time, others remain and are known even by incoming freshmen who have never even had the opportunity to see these guys go to work in the Cintas Center.

Romain Sato is one of these special players.

This 6’3 guard from the Central African Republic was one of the hardest players to say goodbye to on Senior Night in 2004.

The number three scorer in Xavier basketball history had 2,005 career points, and was the number eight rebounder with 892 rebounds.

After helping Xavier reach its first Elite Eight, Romain Sato went on to be drafted in the second round of the NBA draft by the San Antonio Spurs.

Unfortunately, things didn’t quite work out in Sato’s favor in San Antonio, and Sato left for the Italian Second Division Sicc Cucine Jesi.

Sato’s transition was met with success, as he was the league’s second leading scorer in 2005-06, averaging 25.5 points per game along with 7.5 rebounds per game.

In Jesi’s three playoff games that season, Sato averaged 35 points and 14.6 rebounds.

Sato’s success didn’t stop there.

After leaving Sicc Cucine Jesi for a short stint in Barcelona, Spain, Sato returned to Italy where he joined Montepaschi Siena.

For Montepaschi Siena, Sato helped bring home the Italian title.

He led the Italian champions with 14 points, 11 rebounds, four steals and two assists.

Although Romain had to play in the shadow of David West for three quarters of his career at Xavier, it would be difficult to find anyone in the Xavier community who doesn’t know who he is.

Hopefully Sato continues his streak of success, and according to azcentral.com, an Arizona media website, the Phoenix Suns have their eye on this former Musketeer.

So just keep waiting, and you might just see one more Xavier alum in the NBA.



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Romain Sato has moved on to star in Italy, winning a championship last year, after finishing up his career at Xavier in 2004.

Sato Statistically

Romain Sato is one of the most accomplished Xavier players in recent memory. Here is how his Xavier stats match up against his professional numbers:

Season	Rbs./gm.	Asst./gm.	Points/gm
Xavier 2000-01	5.4	1.4	10.7
2001-02	6.6	1.8	16.1
2002-03	7.1	2.3	18.1
2003-04	8.0	2.3	16.3
Italy 2005-06	7.5	1.0	25.5
2006-07	6.4	1.0	16.0
2007-08	5.5	1.4	16.9



# Women keep rolling

## XU picks up two more wins; remains in first

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Staff Writer

Chalk up two more victories for Xavier women’s basketball this week, both important road wins on the path to the impending tournament in March.

For the eighth time in the last 10 years, the Lady Musketeers have won 20 regular season games, including the last two years.

Wednesday night, XU traveled to the Bronx to take on the 0-25 Fordham Rams. Fordham trailed 11-8 with 16-minutes remaining in the first half, but XU dominated the remainder of the game.

The Musketeers rattled off 12-consecutive points over the next 2:10 to seize a commanding 23-8 lead with 13:50 to go.

It would only get worse for the Rams as the Musketeers held Fordham without a field goal for a 7:30 stretch and extended the 12-0 spurt to a 33-7 run over the next 9:10 seizing a 44-18 lead at the 3:20 mark.

The dominant first half didn’t continue into the second, although the game was never within reach for Fordham.

Xavier out-scored the Rams by a 40-12 count in the paint and out-rebounded the Rams 47-24.

Freshman Ta’Shia Phillips led the Musketeers with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

The Muskies saw action again on Saturday afternoon in Philadelphia.

Sophomore April Phillips led



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Ta’Shia Phillips was named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week for the 11th time this season after victories over Fordham and La Salle.

four Musketeers in double-figures with 15 points, and Ta’Shia Phillips registered another double-double to lead Xavier to a 57-53 win against La Salle.

Ta’Shia Phillips scored 14 points and corralled 13 rebounds to notch her 16th double-double of the year; the most of any freshman in the nation.

Her 14 points came on 7-12 shooting to mark the 19th time this season the Atlantic 10’s leading field goal percentage performer has shot at least 50 percent in a game.

La Salle went into the second half trailing by six points, a deficit that was quickly erased. They went on a 13-6 run over the first six minutes of play in the second frame and led 37-36.

The game was a battle from that point until the end, the Musketeers narrowly escaping the Explorers, winning by a score of 57-53.

Ta’Shia Phillips scored 14 points, followed by junior Tudy Reed with 13 points and Amber Harris with 11.

The Xavier women take the court again Wednesday night when they battle the Dayton Flyers in an attempt to avenge a previous loss.

Game time is set for 7 p.m. and will mark the Xavier women’s home finale.

The first 1,000 fans will receive a free Blue Blob Bobblebody courtesy of Wing Eyecare. Additionally, fans who bring a non-perishable food item will be able to get into the game for free.

# Stay off the court, please

DOUG TIFFT  
Sports Editor

I have noticed a disturbing trend developing in college basketball this season.

This past weekend I was watching a game between Miami (OH.) and Valparaiso.

Mind you that both teams were struggling to stay above .500 in rather sub-par conferences, yet when Valparaiso won the game in overtime their fans came flowing onto the court to celebrate the victory.

Court storming has become all too commonplace in college basketball.

That is why I have compiled a list for these fans to reference before deciding if their cause is worthy of court storming.

**1. You must be a significant underdog.** This means that teams in the top 10 in the country should never have to deal with dodging excited fans as they exit the court after a win (don’t even think about it Xavier fans). If your team is expected to win then accept the win humbly. Acting like you expected to win makes a louder statement than running onto the court.

**2. The win must hold some significance for your program.** A win over an unranked team in the second game of the season is not significant for your program, and is only mildly significant to your season (ahem, Miami). Therefore this situation should be reserved for wins like conference championships that are won on your home court, culminating an undefeated

season or beating an archrival.

**3. The team that you beat must be ranked.** Beating a team that is on the NCAA bubble, or that used to be ranked earlier in the season is fairly insignificant. In order to storm the court the team you beat must be collecting national accolades as a prestigious basketball team.

**4. The game must be played at home or on a neutral court near your school.** It is great that you traveled to the opponent’s gym to watch the game, but being the lone soldier running onto the court after the game just makes you look stupid.

**5. The game has to have been close.** At the end of a back and forth game fans might get so excited that they will want to release their energy with a jog around the open expanse of hardwood in front of them. On the other hand, if there are 5 minutes left and your team is up by 25 then you should probably scrap the court storming. Just pull together an “overrated” chant and call it a day.

Inevitably, the number of court stormings skyrockets as the year winds down, but hopefully this year that will be put to rest.

I hope this helps all of the confused fans out there to realize when the appropriate time to vacate the student section is.

It may sound cool to jump up and down at center court, but for the viewers at home watching on ESPNU and wondering why you are so excited about beating Central Michigan, you just end up looking stupid.



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WEDNESDAY

February 27  
I'm feeling rather nostalgic this week...

I miss the good ol' days when Calendar City didn't move around all parts of the paper. We were always in one location on the back page that we could pretend was the front page by simply folding the paper differently.

I miss Soupies. The comraderie that came from all ages coming together for a night of nonsense has yet to be replaced.

I miss the 1940s when everybody wore classy hats and sounded like they were stepping out of a film noir-style movie. The men would say things like "Mmmmyah, see" with crazy-sounding accents.



Mmmmm.You look like a real classy dame, see.Yeaaaaah.

If I could go back in time, I would go back to the era when women wore giant hats, spoke with raspy voices, sachéd everywhere they went and smoked cigarettes that didn't give them cancer.

I also miss the days when you could catch a trolley to the latest moving picture for only a nickel! Nowadays a nickel won't buy you much more than an hour listening to P. Stevenson talk about himself...



THURSDAY

February 28

I have a challenge for you, calendar citizens. As avid readers of this column, you are already better than the rest of the student body. As Wonder Woman says, "With great power comes great responsibility."

So I challenge you, citizens, to do something out of your comfort zone...smile at someone today. That's right. Simply...smile. When you're passing somebody by, especially if you know them, take a moment to look them in the eyes and smile.

Yes, it sounds cheesy but I don't care. I sometimes get in Cranky McCrankerson moods that can be fixed with a simple stranger-smile.

FRIDAY

February 29

Perhaps some of my nostalgia is coming from the fact that I have only a few precious months left before the scary whirlwind beyond Xavier sweeps me out of my precious little bubble and I can't call Physical Plant people in order to get something fixed and they'll talk nicely to me and I'll talk nicely to them and by the end of the conversation, I'd have a new friend and a



What happened to Mr. Biggles, Mr. Snuffles? What happened to him?! warm room...

Then again, my nostalgia could come from the fact that I listened to the Cher song "Turn Back Time" and have it stuck in my head.

Either way, both today and yesterday, there will be a giant pre-graduation preparation gala from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the GSC.

I think I'm finally ready to tell you all why I cry myself to sleep every night...

But first! Let me tell you about a fun fun fun thing to do this weekend! Fun fun fun! Fun fun fun! Things in threes! Three three three!

Beginning at 8 p.m., the RSA community council will have a Sadie Hawkins "UNWRAPPED" dance with food, prizes and music.

It's gon' be off the chiiiiiiinz.

You know what else is off the chiiiiiiinz? Fearing crickets!!!

I fear crickets. I don't like how they jump around upredictably. When I was younger, I had two crickets in a little cage. I came home one day and I only had one full cricket. And a cricket leg.

SATURDAY

March 1

I do not understand the world-wide infatuation with text messaging. Now, I love a good text-versa-tion as much as the next person. For the most part though, I prefer simply speaking on the phone.

The following is a conversation that could happen with a simple phone call placed at 1:56 p.m.:

Alan: "Hey, what time are you picking me up from the airport?"

Mackey: "About seven. Is that cool?"

Alan: "Fine see you then. Terminal three."

Mackey: "Cool, thanks."

The conversation is over by 1:57 p.m. See how easy that was? It is a simple exchange of information.

SUNDAY

March 2

This is how the previous conversation would go by texting:

Alan (1:56 p.m.): "Hey."

Mackey(1:58 p.m.): "Hi. Sup?"

Alan (2:04 p.m.): "Nuthin."

Alan (2:09 p.m.): "U?"

Mackey (2:13 p.m.): "Nuthin."

Alan (2:19 p.m.): "Kewl."

Mackey (2:26 p.m.): "Yep."

Alan (2:45 p.m.): "U still need me to get you?"

Mackey (2:56 p.m.): "Yeah."

MONDAY

March 3

Mackey (3:04 p.m.): "Kewl?"

Alan (3:10 p.m.): "Fo sho."

Mackey (3:12 p.m.): "LOL."

Alan (3:17 p.m.): "LMAO."

Mackey (3:20 p.m.): "CU tom."

Alan (3:22 p.m.): "OK."

Alan (3:26 p.m.): "Where?"

Mackey (3:31 p.m.): "Term 3."

Alan (3:45): "Kewl."



Click, click, click, click. Giggle! Click, click, click. Texting rules!

Do you see how much time and energy that took? Meanwhile, Alan never met Mackey at the airport because he got into a minor accident when he was texting and driving!

TUESDAY

March 4

Tuesday should officially be delclared the most boring day of the week. There is never anything happening on campus!

If you start looking for something to do, you should just stop. There isn't anything. Ever.

Oh! Silly me! What was I thinking? I forgot today is the day Ohio gets to vote in the presidential primary! Make sure you get up off that hot new booty and get to voting!

Yes, we can.

New Releases

The following discs are due for release on or after February 26...

- The High Kings** *The High Kings* (Manhattan Records) ... **Erykah Badu** *New Amerykah* (Motown) ... **Dolly Parton** *Backwoods Barbie* (Dolly Records) ... **Janet Jackson** *Discipline* (Island) ..
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Battle of the Bands

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Bar Guide

(not including Dana's)

As always, the Newswire encourages students to practice safe bar hopping and have a designated driver.

Pub at Rookwood Mews

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If you're looking for a bar with a fun atmosphere, good food and a great beer selection, you should check out the Pub at Rookwood Mews. Located just down the road in Rookwood, this traditional British pub prides itself on authenticity and quality.

The dim lighting and dark oak furniture, most of which was shipped from England, create a soothing atmosphere where you can enjoy a pint (or two or three) over your traditional fish and chips, or in conversation with your friends.

If the people you're with don't entertain you, fear not; there are a dozen or so televisions located around the Pub so that you won't miss a minute of your Premier League team's match (or the Xavier

game, if you're into that stuff).

The bar itself is beautifully stocked, harboring an armada of beers from around the world, many of which are draught. It is this selection, which boasts anything from Bud Light to Bass Ale to corked

beer will probably cost you about \$4, maybe a little more depending on what you want. But, with happy hour from 3 to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, you'll be able to afford a few rounds. The Pub also has a trivia contest every Monday, starting at 7:30 p.m., which features half off the price of fish and chips.

As a major college bar,

the Pub falls short with its slightly high prices. But, for those of you who fancy yourselves connoisseurs of fine beers, experts in good food and social drinkers, the Pub is the perfect place to relax, talk with friends and strangers (the servers are lovely people) and enjoy life, at least until the glass is empty.

Belgian lambics, that really gives the Pub its personality. The bar can be a little intimidating at first, as a proud display of spirits and beer draughts stare out at you from behind the deep oak counter. But once you settle in with an endless list of nectars, it's hard not to enjoy yourself.

The prices are the only thing discouraging about the Pub. A draught



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Wings & Rings

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Wings & Rings is but a zygote in the Norwood bar scene.

The new bar and grill located at 4747 Montgomery Rd. is quite different from the usual Norwood haunts—Dana's, Monty's and Randy's.

Walking into the establishment, I immediately noticed there are less prostitutes at Wings & Rings than there are at, say, Dana's. I'm not going to judge whether this is a good or bad thing; I just report facts.

Wings & Rings is not yet the best place to go for a bustling nightlife scene. This is probably due to it being a new establishment, and that it's located in a Quality Inn. Because of its close proximity to an inexpensive hotel, one imagines that it's only a matter of time until prostitutes begin to infiltrate this establishment. But I digress.

The food at Wings & Rings is above average for bar food. I sampled the mini corn dogs, which were delicious. I also had something called a gyro quesadilla, which sounds exotic, but tastes exactly like a gyro.

As far as the beer selection goes, it was solid, yet unspectacular. I prefer bars that have something like 47 different beers on draft. This one has maybe half a dozen. They do, however, have a really nice Guinness tap.

They have a good deal for buckets of beers—seven bottles of Bud Light for \$10 on the night I went. They also let us keep the bucket, which was great, because I don't own nearly enough metal buckets.

All in all, Wings & Rings is a good place to go to check out the scene. I think it's a better place to go and catch a basketball game—there are a plethora of televisions—than it is to go hang out on a weekend evening, but it's definitely worth checking out.



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Arnie's on the Levee

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If you and the girls are looking for an upbeat bar on a Saturday night, Arnie's on the Levee is definitely a good bet.

Located across from the AMC theaters and down the street from Hofbrauhaus in Newport, Arnie's is a restaurant by day and a nightclub after 10 p.m.

Since my arrival was after 10 p.m. I am not able to give advice regarding the restaurant, however the bar was very well suited to my taste, which includes a healthy appetite for dancing. Another plus is that it is clean and smoke-free.

You will have to stand in the rather long line to get in. Many bars have heat lamps for those

waiting. This bar, however, does not. I would approximate a 15 to 20 minute wait during the busier hours—whenever that is for your given night.

Upon walking in, the place looks as most night clubs do—crowded and loud. Actually, I didn't realize that it was also a restaurant until after I looked it up to write this article.

It is one of the more crowded bars I have been to (other than Dana's), but it was by far one of the best places to dance.

Their choice of music ranged from current hip-hop and best of the 80s, which was exactly to my liking. If you're solely a rock or country fan, I doubt you'll fare as well.

The dance floor surrounds the bar, and there is also an elevated floor, which my friends and I quickly learned was for women only.

However, it's fairly spacious and only elevated about two feet, so that it doesn't have quite the trashy connotation as the stage at Metropolis.

Though it takes some work to make your way to the bar through the crowd, the bartender is quite accessible. The two times my friends and I went to get drinks it took no longer than a few minutes. They were not shy about the amount of alcohol in their drinks either.

Arnie's has specials during each day of the week, including college night on Thursdays where you can get 50 cent drafts and \$4 shots of Milagro Tequila. But, you have to remember that the dress code includes "no thug wear."

The Mad Frog

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Situated on a quaint Clifton corner is the quirky and clever Mad Frog. It's a popular venue for local bands, who are featured almost nightly on their stage. The Mad Frog is the quintessential college bar. It's slightly old, a little dingy, but still has enough character to come off as endearing instead of run down. The lime green exterior makes it hard to miss, especially against the grey Cincinnati weather.

The front room of the Mad Frog is stocked with tables, TVs and a bar. The prices are typical of a Clifton college bar.

The thing about the Mad Frog is that they are not in the business of just selling drinks. This venue is also the home of the local Cincinnati music scene. Five nights a week the Mad Frog features live music on their stage which is another room completely away from the bar.

This is great because it separates



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the people who want to listen to loud music from those who just want to enjoy the bar. The regulars come not only to listen, but mingle with the musicians afterwards.

The crowds at the Mad Frog are as diverse as their music acts. It is an 18 and over bar, which means that it attracts a younger crowd.

Monday nights are salsa nights. From 10 p.m.-2 a.m. a live salsa band plays upstairs while downstairs a hip-hop dance party ensues. They even offer free salsa lessons an hour before the band shows up to play.

Although it may be dingy at times, and the crowd can be a little young, if you are into music and passionate about local artists, the Mad Frog should be a second home to you. The parking is a drag and there is a cover price on some nights, but overall it's a Clifton place of true character that any Cincinnati must visit at least once.



# McCain

Usually I don't decide whom to vote for in elections, rather, I decide whom to vote against. Perhaps this is because I'm hopelessly cynical and have no faith in anything.

Since I like to blame large, amorphous entities for the majority of my problems, I'm going to lay the responsibility for my lack of faith in American politics at, well, the feet of the American political machine. But since the two front-runners—and yes, Hillary fans, Obama is the front-runner—in this presidential election appear to be outside the realm of politics as usual in Washington, I'm actually considering voting for someone in this election...

Tuesday, 10:03 a.m. Walk into McCain rally. The venue, Memorial Hall in Over-the-Rhine, reminds me of a plantation for some reason.

10:10 a.m. Some campaign volunteer in a suit (McCain's volunteers wear suits, Obama's wear T-shirts), tells me and the people I'm with to follow him in a single file line. The single file line is of the utmost importance.

10:21 a.m. The group of people I'm with (all college students) was just asked to

stand onstage behind the speakers. I'm deep undercover here.

10:28 a.m. It turns out that everyone in my group is an Obama supporter. So basically, McCain's staff pulled a bunch of young people out of the crowd to show that McCain has young supporters, but most of his "young supporters" are really Obama supporters. My brain hurts.

10:40 a.m. Security is really loose at this



**Top:** John McCain shakes hands and signs autographs after his speech.

**Below:** McCain's "Straight Talk Express" rolls away from a crowd of people after his rally in Over-the-Rhine.



event: no metal detectors, no bag searches and no visible Secret Service.

10:46 a.m. There's a stunning amount of people wearing gaudy American flag paraphernalia in the crowd. An old guy in front of me is wearing an elephant bow tie.

10:51 a.m. I'm guessing that this auditorium seats no more than 900 people or so. This whole thing reminds me of a high school assembly. With more old, rich white people.

10:55 a.m. Black person tally: stage: 7, crowd: 1. It's almost like the McCain campaign is pulling people of color out of the crowd and using them to create good photo ops. But that wouldn't happen, right?

11:21 a.m. The national anthem is sung by a really nervous former Miss Ohio. Remember, Republicans like America more than Democrats.

11:30 a.m. Obama gets lustily booed for the first time.

11:33 a.m. First 9/11 reference.

11:35 a.m. Oh good god. Bill Cunningham is somehow on the stage. After Cunningham attacked a Xavier student on his radio show last

year, I really dislike the man. I think Xavier should disown him as an alumnus.

11:38 a.m. First "Barack Hussein Obama" reference. This pisses me off a lot. People who refer to Obama this way are simply xenophobes. "OH MY GOD HIS NAME SOUNDS DIFFERENT THAN MINE HE MUST BE A TERRORIST!"

11:43 a.m. Cunningham compares George Bush to Abraham Lincoln. To quote Matt Finger, "Willie ever shut up?"

11:46 a.m. Rob Portman, a purported Vice Presidential possibility, goes on stage to introduce McCain.

11:50 a.m. McCain walks onstage without really being introduced and catches the crowd totally by surprise.

11:54 a.m. He leads off with a series of humorous remarks. He's remarkably self-deprecating for a politician.

11:58 a.m. McCain keeps addressing the crowd as "my friends." His oratorical style is decidedly conversational and quite engaging.

12:03 p.m. McCain says he believes in climate change. This receives a noticeably muted round of applause from the crowd.

12:09 p.m. Apparently David Petraeus grants sight to the blind, invents superefficient biofuels and bakes cookies for his bedridden next-door neighbor.

12:15 p.m. Concludes with a Reagan quote. Standard.

# CONTENDING FOR OHIO

by Pat Stevenson

With the Ohio primaries looming, Barack Obama and John McCain descended upon southwest Ohio this week to hold campaign rallies. I decided to attend both rallies, in an effort to get a better appreciation for the candidates, and more importantly, to get a feel for the kind of people who support them.

Monday, 11:57 a.m. Arrive at UC's Fifth Third Arena, where Obama is scheduled to speak. I'm not great at estimating crowds of people, but there appear to be 8.7 million people in line waiting for the doors to open.

12:13 p.m. It occurs to me that I should try and find a media entrance, rather than wait with the commoners. Commoners suck.

12:15 p.m. Meet *Vogue's* political correspondent (*Vogue* has a political correspondent?). He doesn't know where the media entrance is. Some people let us cut them in line after we inform them that we are reporters. Commoners are sheep.



Pat Stevenson.

12:32 p.m. Get through security, ask a volunteer where press room is. Manage to find it and get press pass, which allows me to feel really important.

12:55 p.m. A surprising amount of non-college students are here today to support Obama. *Slate* magazine calls people like this "Baracktogenarians." I'm sort of obsessed with Obama puns. I need a Baracktologist to save me from the Barackteria that afflicts me.

1:26 p.m. It occurs to me that I haven't eaten anything substantial in 42 hours or so. I attempt to go to the concession stand to buy a hot dog, but the Secret Service won't let



**Top:** Barack Obama speechifies to a packed house at Fifth Third Arena.

**Below:** Katie Rosenbaum and a budding journalist demonstrate exactly how easy it is to get a press pass these days.



me. Apparently tubular pork is the new trend in assassinations.

2:02 p.m. No sign of the big man yet. A campaign staffer tells me Obama "is like the Rolling Stones. He comes out whenever he feels like it."

2:22 p.m. A staffer asks me where I'm from and I tell her the *Xavier Newswire*. She says they tried to have this rally at Cintas and were turned down by the school. I have no idea if this is true. I'm just here to propagate unsubstantiated rumors I hear from low-level campaign staffers. I'll take my Pulitzer now, please.

2:27 p.m. We see a 5-year-old boy walking around with the same kind of press pass we have. My associate Katie Rosenbaum, who attended the event with me today, insists on being photographed with this young Walter Cronkite. My ego is severely damaged.

2:36 p.m. Mayor Mark Mallory gets on stage to introduce Obama, and receives a huge cheer. Presumably because he has no baseball with him.

2:39 p.m. While the crowd is whipped into a frenzy, Mallory introduces Obama, and absolutely blows the roof off the place. I've been to a lot of concerts and sporting events in my life, but I've never seen 12,000 people this excited. It's surreal.

3:02 p.m. First "Yes, we can" chant.

3:06 p.m. With how much he's pandering to blue collar workers in this speech, I'm surprised Obama isn't wearing an auto mechanic shirt.

3:26 p.m. A person in the crowd passes out. Some people seem to think that Barack Obama's speeches are so intensely good, they make people faint. I think it's probably just because it's hot in here and people have been standing around for 5 hours.

3:30 p.m. Wraps up speech, waves to the crowd a bit and heads offstage to shake some hands.

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